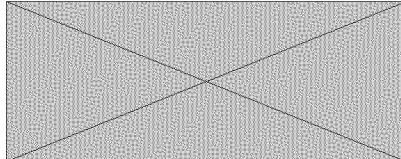


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Environmental Group Sues DOI Regarding Offshore Oil and Gas Development. The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) filed suit against the Department of the Interior (DOI) in federal district court in California, alleging that the agency was issuing offshore oil and gas permits without adequate consideration of environmental impacts, in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act. CBD requested the court issue an order barring all permitting until the impacts are fully studied. The litigation follows a similar lawsuit filed by the Environmental Defense Center challenging permits in the Santa Barbara Channel, as well as a CBD lawsuit seeking information regarding offshore wells permitted in the Gulf of Mexico. [Read More](#)

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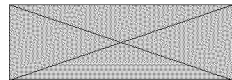
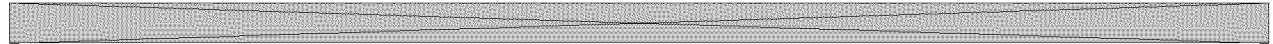
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